

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 were currently pending. Claims 17-23 have been canceled and new claims 24-28 have been newly added. Therefore, claims 1-16 and 24-28 will remain pending after entry of the Amendment. For the reasons stated below, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006, claims 1-16 were allowed but claims 17-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and claims 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. Claims 17, 18, and 20-23 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,812,368 to Chen et al., and claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen.

Applicants have canceled claims 17-23 in this Amendment. Therefore, the rejection of claims 17-23 is now moot.

Newly added new claims 24-28 are believed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and do not broaden the scope of the original patent. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 24-28 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is

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desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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